

*June 10, 2011*

Mr. James M. Thomas  
Red River Coal Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 668  
Norton, VA 24273

Certified Mail Return  
Receipt No. 7010 3090 0000 8837 1092

Re: Informal Hearing Decision - Issuance of NOV#'s LHT0001497, LHT0001498, LHT0001499, LHT0001500, LHT0001501, and RON LHT0001502 – Permit No. 1600876

Dear Mr. Thomas:

An informal hearing was held on *May 25, 2011*, to review the issuance of Notices of Violation Nos. LHT0001497, LHT0001498, LHT0001499, LHT0001500, LHT0001501, and Revision Order Notice LHT0001502.

Based upon the attached opinion of the Informal Hearing Officer, I am affirming the issuance of the NOV#'s LHT0001497, LHT0001498, LHT0001499, LHT0001500, LHT0001501, and RON LHT0001502

Pursuant to §4VAC25-130-843.16(a) of the **Virginia Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Regulations**, you (or any person having an interest which is or may be adversely affected by this decision) have the right to request a formal public hearing to review this decision. The request must be submitted in writing within 15 days from service of this decision to the:

Hearings Coordinator  
Division of Mined Land Reclamation  
P. O. Drawer 900  
Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219

Please be advised that the party requesting formal review shall bear the burden of proof at the formal hearing.

Should you have any questions concerning the formal hearing process, please call Harve A Mooney, Hearings Coordinator, at (276) 523-8271.

Respectfully,

*Gavin M. Bledsoe*  
Reclamation Services Manager

c: *Lawrence Tankersley*  
*Michael A Giles*  
*Roger Jones*  
*Eddie Clapp*  
*Harve A. Mooney*, Informal Hearing Officer

